

IN THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A device for the combined presentation of first and second items, the device comprising:

a first element detachably securable to the first item and the second item, the first element including a pair of arms having free ends defining a first opening therebetween, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item;

a second element detachably securable to the first item and the second item, the second element including a pair of arms having free ends defining a second opening therebetween, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item; and

a connecting member ~~interconnecting~~ having a first end connected to the first element opposite the first opening and having a second end connected to the second element opposite the second opening, the connecting member being resiliently foldable between a relaxed configuration in which the first element and the second element are substantially coplanar, and a folded configuration in which the first element is coaxially aligned with the second element.

2. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the free ends of the pair of arms of the first element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the first element is not engaged with the first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second

item, wherein the pair of arms of the first element resiliently deform so that the free ends of the first element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item.

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the pair of arms of the first element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least 180° from the free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

5. (previously presented) A device according to claim 4, wherein the portion of the circle extends between 190°-310° from the free end of the one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of the another arm of the pair of arms.

Claims 6-7 (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the device is formed from at least one moldable thermoplastic material.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the pair of arms of the first element define an internal circular cross-section and the pair of arms of the second element define an internal circular cross-section.

11. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the first element has a size and shape and the second element has a size and shape which are the same as the size and shape of the first element.

12. (previously presented) A device for the combined presentation of first and second items, the device comprising:

a first element detachably securable to the first item and the second item, the first element having a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, the first element including a pair of arms having free ends, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item;

a second element detachably securable to the first item and the second item, the second element having a first surface and a second surface opposite the first surface, the second element including a pair of arms having free ends, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item; and

a connecting member interconnecting the first element and the second element, the connecting member being foldable in a first direction so that the first surface of the first element confronts the first surface of the second element, and being foldable in a second direction so that the second surface of the first element confronts the second surface of the second element, the folding of the connecting member not substantially deforming the first element and the second element.

13. (previously presented) A device according to claim 12, wherein the free ends of the pair of arms of the first element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the first element is not engaged with the first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second item, wherein the pair of arms of the first element resiliently deform so that the free ends of the first element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A device according to claim 12, wherein the pair of arms of the first element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least 180° from the free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

16. (previously presented) A device according to claim 15, wherein the portion of the circle extends between 190°-310° from the free end of the one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of the another arm of the pair of arms.

Claims 17-18 (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A device according to claim 12, wherein the device is formed from at least one moldable thermoplastic material.

20. (previously presented) A device according to claim 12, wherein the connecting member is foldable between a relaxed configuration in which the first element and the second

element are substantially coplanar, and a folded configuration in which the first element is coaxially aligned with the second element.

21. (previously presented) A device according to claim 12, wherein the pair of arms of the first element define an internal cross-section and the pair of arms of the second element define an internal cross-section, the internal cross-sections of the first element and the second element corresponding to cross-sections of the first item and the second item.

22. (previously presented) A device according to claim 21, wherein the cross-sections of the first item and the second item and the internal cross-sections of the first element and the second element are circular.

23. (previously presented) A device according to claim 22, wherein the internal cross-section of at least one of the first element and the second element is less than or equal to the cross-section of one of the first item or the second item.

24. (previously presented) A device according to claim 22, wherein the internal cross-section of at least one of the first element and the second element is between 1 and 10 percent less than the cross-section of one of the first item or the second item.

25. (previously presented) A device according to claim 12, wherein the first element has a size and a shape, and the second element has a size and a shape which are the same as the size and the shape of the first element.

26. (currently amended) An assembly for attaching two discrete bodies, comprising:

a first item in the form of a first receptacle containing a first product;

a second item; and

a device including a first element, a second element, and a connecting member, the first element being detachably securable to the first item and the second item, the first element including a pair of arms having free ends defining a first opening therebetween, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item; the second element being detachably securable to the first item and the second item, the second element including a pair of arms having free ends defining a second opening therebetween, the pair of arms being disposed on opposite sides of a central axis and being resiliently displaceable relative to one another so as to securely engage the first item and the second item; and the connecting member ~~interconnecting~~ having a first end connected to the first element opposite the first opening and having a second end connected to the second element opposite the second opening, the connecting member being resiliently foldable between a relaxed configuration in which the first element and the second element are substantially coplanar, and a folded configuration in which the first element is coaxially aligned with the second element,

wherein the first element and the second element can simultaneously attach either to the first item, to the second item or to the first item and the second item, such that the first item and the second item may be stacked one on top of

the other or adjacent to one another without substantially deforming the first element and the second element.

27. (previously presented) An assembly according to claim 26, wherein the first item and the second item each has a cross-section which is at least partly circular.

28. (previously presented) An assembly according to claim 34, wherein the first product is make-up for the lips or eyelashes and the second product is a product that modifies the appearance of the first product.

29. (previously presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the free ends of the pair of arms of the second element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the second element is not engaged with the first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second item, wherein the pair of arms of the second element resiliently deform so that the free ends of the second element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item.

30. (previously presented) A device according to claim 4, wherein the pair of arms of the second element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least 180° from the free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

31. (previously presented) A device according to claim 13, wherein the free ends of the pair of arms of the second element are spaced apart by a first distance in a nonuse condition in which the second element is not engaged with the

first item or the second item, the first distance being less than cross-sectional sizes of the first item and the second item, wherein the pair of arms of the second element resiliently deform so that the free ends of the second element are spaced apart by a distance greater than the first distance to receive the first item and/or the second item.

32. (previously presented) A device according to claim 15, wherein the pair of arms of the second element together form a portion of a circle, the portion of the circle extending at least 180° from the free end of one arm of the pair of arms to the free end of another arm of the pair of arms.

33. (previously presented) An assembly according to claim 26, wherein the second item is an accessory for the application of the first product.

34. (previously presented) An assembly according to claim 26, wherein the second item is a receptacle for a second product different from the first product.